

STATEMENT OF BASIS

as required by LAC 33:IX.2411, for draft **Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. LA0099759; AI43371; PER20090001** to discharge to waters of the **State of Louisiana** as per LAC 33:IX.2311.

The **permitting authority** for the Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) is:

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Environmental Services
P. O. Box 4313
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313

- I. THE APPLICANT IS:** St. John the Baptist Parish
Wallace Wastewater Treatment Facility
1801 West Airline Hwy.
LaPlace, LA 70068
- II. PREPARED BY:** Darlene Bernard
- DATE PREPARED:** May 29, 2009
- III. PERMIT ACTION:** Renewal of LPDES permit LA0099759, AI43371
LPDES application received: March 9, 2009
- LPDES permit effective: June 1, 2003
LPDES permit expired: May 31, 2008
EPA has not retained enforcement authority

IV. FACILITY INFORMATION:

- A. The application is for the discharge of treated sanitary wastewater from an existing publicly owned treatment works serving the Wallace area.
- B. The permit application does not indicate the receipt of industrial wastewater.
- C. The facility is located at 5465 Highway 18, in Vacherie, St. John the Baptist Parish.
- D. The treatment facility consists of a 135,000 GPD Activated Sludge Treatment Plant. Disinfection is by chlorination.

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E. Outfall 001

Discharge Location: Latitude 30°02'48" North
Longitude 90°39'37" West

Description: treated sanitary wastewater

Design Capacity: 0.135 MGD

Type of Flow Measurement which the facility is currently using:

Combination Totalizing Meter/Continuous Recorder

V. RECEIVING WATERS:

The discharge is into the Mississippi River subsegment 070301 of the Mississippi River Basin. Subsegment 070301 of the Mississippi River Basin is not listed on the 2006 303(d) list of impaired waterbodies.

The designated uses and degree of support for Segment 070301 of the Mississippi River Basin are as indicated in the table below^{1/}:

Overall Degree of Support for Segment 041001	Degree of Support of Each Use						
	Primary Contact Recreation	Secondary Contact Recreation	Propagation of Fish & Wildlife	Outstanding Natural Resource Water	Drinking Water Supply	Shell fish Propagation	Agriculture
Full	Full	Full	Full	N/A	Full	N/A	N/A

^{1/}The designated uses and degree of support for Segment 070301 of the Mississippi River Basin are as indicated in LAC 33:IX.1123.C.3, Table (3) and the 2006 Water Quality Management Plan, Volume 5, Part B, Water Quality Inventory respectively.

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VI. ENDANGERED SPECIES:

The receiving waterbody, Subsegment 070301 of the Mississippi River Basin, is listed in Section II.2 of the Implementation Strategy as requiring consultation with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) as critical habitat for the Pallid Sturgeon, which is listed federally as a threatened/endangered species. This strategy was submitted with a letter dated November 17, 2008 from Rieck (FWS) to Nolan (LDEQ). Therefore, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the LDEQ and the FWS, a copy of the draft permit has been submitted to the FWS for review.

VII. HISTORIC SITES:

The discharge is from an existing facility location, which does not include an expansion beyond the existing perimeter. Therefore, there should be no potential effect to sites or properties on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, and in accordance with the "Memorandum of Understanding for the Protection of Historic Properties in Louisiana Regarding LPDES Permits" no consultation with the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer is required..

VIII. PUBLIC NOTICE:

Upon publication of the public notice, a public comment period shall begin on the date of publication and last for at least 30 days thereafter. During this period, any interested persons may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing to clarify issues involved in the permit decision at this Office's address on the first page of the fact sheet. A request for a public hearing shall be in writing and shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing.

The public notice is published in a local paper of general circulation and the Office of Environmental Services Public Notice Mailing List.

For additional information contact:

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IX. PROPOSED PERMIT LIMITS:

Final Effluent Limits:

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Final effluent limits shall become effective on the effective date of the permit and expire on the expiration date of the permit.

Effluent Characteristic	Monthly Avg. (lbs./day)	Monthly Avg.	Weekly Avg.	Basis
BOD ₅	34	30 mg/l	45 mg/l	Limits are set in accordance with the Statewide Sanitary Effluent Limitations Policy (SSELP) for facilities of this treatment type and size which discharge into the Mississippi River.
TSS	34	30 mg/l	45 mg/l	Since there are no numeric water quality criterion for TSS, and in accordance with the current Water Quality Management Plan, the TSS effluent limitations shall be based on a case-by-case evaluation of the treatment technology being utilized at a facility. Therefore, a Technology
				Based Limit has been established through Best Professional Judgement for the type of treatment technology utilized at this facility.

Other Effluent Limitations:

1) Fecal Coliform

The discharge from this facility is into a water body which has a designated use of Primary Contact Recreation. According to LAC 33:IX.1113.C.5.a, the fecal coliform standards for this water body are 200/100 ml and 400/100 ml. Therefore, the limits of 200/100 ml (Monthly Average) and 400/100 ml (Weekly Average) are proposed as Fecal Coliform limits in the permit. These limits are being proposed through Best Professional Judgment in order to ensure that the water body standards are not exceeded, and due to the fact that existing facilities have demonstrated an ability to comply with these limitations using present available technology.

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2) **pH**

According to LAC 33:IX.5905.C., the pH shall not be less than 6.0 standard units nor greater than 9.0 standard units at any time.

3) **Solids and Foam**

There shall be no discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts in accordance with LAC 33:IX.1113.B.7.

X. PREVIOUS PERMITS:

LPDES Permit No LA0099759:	Issued:	May 13, 2003
	Effective:	June 1, 2003
	Expired:	May 31, 2008

During the period beginning the effective date of the permit and lasting through the expiration date of the permit (Design 0.135 MGD)

<u>Effluent Characteristic</u>	<u>Discharge Limitations</u>		<u>Monitoring Requirements</u>	
	<u>Monthly Avg.</u>	<u>Weekly Avg.</u>	<u>Measurement Frequency</u>	<u>Sample Type</u>
Flow	Report	Report	Continuous	Recorder
BOD ₅	30 mg/l	45 mg/l	2/month	Grab
TSS	30 mg/l	45 mg/l	2/month	Grab
Fecal Coliform	200	400	2/month	Grab
pH	6-9 Standard Units		2/month	Grab

XI. ENFORCEMENT AND SURVEILLANCE ACTIONS:

A) Inspections

A review of EDMS indicates the following inspections were performed for this facility:

Date – September 8, 2008

Findings and/or violations:

A Hurricane Assessment as a result of Hurricane Gustav was done by phone. No contact was made but a message was left.

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Date – September 11, 2008

Findings and/or violations:

A Hurricane Assessment was done to assess damages from Hurricane Gustav. There were no damages or flooding to the facility as a result of the Hurricane. Facility lost power from September 2, 2008 to September 7, 2008, but was on Generator during this time.

B) Compliance and/or Administrative Orders

A review of EDMS revealed that there are no recent enforcement actions administered against this facility.

C) DMR Review

A review of the discharge monitoring reports for the period beginning January 1, 2007 through January 31, 2009 revealed the following violations:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Effluent Characteristic</u>	<u>Sample</u>	<u>Permit Limit</u>
Dec., 2008	pH	11.02	9.0 standard units

XII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Final effluent loadings (i.e. lbs/day) have been established based upon the permit limit concentrations and the design capacity of 0.135 MGD.

Effluent loadings are calculated using the following example:

BOD: $8.34 \text{ gal/lb} \times 0.135 \text{ MGD} \times 30 \text{ mg/l} = 34 \text{ lb/day}$

At present, the **Monitoring Requirements, Sample Types, and Frequency of Sampling** as shown in the permit are standard for facilities of flows between 0.1 and 0.5 MGD.

<u>Effluent Characteristics</u>	<u>Monitoring Requirements</u>	
	<u>Measurement</u>	<u>Sample</u>
	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Type</u>
Flow	Continuous	Recorder
BOD ₅	2/mo.	Grab
Total Suspended Solids	2/mo.	Grab
Fecal Coliform Bacteria	2/mo.	Grab
pH	2/mo.	Grab

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Pretreatment Requirements

Based upon consultation with LDEQ pretreatment personnel, it is recommended that LDEQ Option 1 Pretreatment Language be included in LPDES Permit LA0099759.

This language is established for municipalities that do not have either an approved or required Pretreatment program. This recommendation is in accordance with 40 CFR Part 403 regulations, the General Pretreatment Regulations for Existing and New Sources of Pollution contained in LAC Title 33, Part IX, Chapter 61 and the Best Professional Judgement (BPJ) of the reviewer.

Pollution Prevention Requirements

The permittee shall institute or continue programs directed towards pollution prevention. The permittee shall institute or continue programs to improve the operating efficiency and extend the useful life of the facility. The permittee will complete an annual Environmental Audit Report each year for the life of this permit according to the schedule below. The permittee will accomplish this requirement by completing an Environmental Audit Form which has been attached to the permit. Please make additional copies to be utilized for each year of this permit. All other requirements of the Municipal Wastewater Pollution Prevention Program are contained in Part II of the permit.

The audit evaluation period is as follows:

Audit Period Begins	Audit Period Ends	Audit Report Completion Date
Effective Date of Permit	12 Months from Audit Period Beginning Date	3 Months from Audit Period Ending Date

XIII.

TENTATIVE DETERMINATION:

On the basis of preliminary staff review, the Department of Environmental Quality has made a tentative determination to reissue a permit for the discharge described in this Statement of Basis.

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XIV. REFERENCES:

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LPDES Permit Application to Discharge Wastewater, St. John the Baptist Parish, Wallace Wastewater Treatment Facility, March 9, 2009.
